



Branching Out

October 23 , 2009

The mission of Three Rivers Environmental Educators is to promote collaboration of resources and provide networking opportunities for environmental educators in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula areas of Virginia.

TREE meetings:

Tuesday, January 12, at Friends of the Rappahannock in Fredricksburg.

We will be nominating new officers. Please send nominations to charlene.talcott@dcv.virginia.gov

President: Preside at meetings, develop agenda, and represent organization at Virginia Environmental Education conference and other events.

Vice-President: Presides at meetings in president's absence, helps develop programs for meetings.

Secretary: Take notes at meetings, compile minutes, and forward e-mail announcements to members

Publicity chair: New office. Will publicize meetings and organization to media and potential members.

I will stay on as newsletter editor.

Local Events:

Send your events to charlene.talcott@dcv.virginia.gov

DCR offers Phragmites control workshops for Northern Neck landowners Oct. 28 and Nov. 10

(KILMARNOCK, Va.) – Workshops about controlling a highly invasive plant, *Phragmites australis*, will soon be held for residents in the Northern Neck. The first workshop will be held on Oct. 28, 2009, at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock; the second will be held Nov. 10, 2009, at the Belle Isle State Park Environmental Education Center. These free workshops are hosted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Phragmites is a tall, aggressive, non-native plant that is rapidly replacing native marsh and forest communities. It now covers more than 1,700 acres of habitat in the Northern Neck. As Phragmites spreads, it destroys high-quality wildlife habitat, impedes water flow in drainage ditches, and poses a fire hazard.

The workshops are supported through a grant from the Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species.

The Lancaster Community Library is at 235 School St., Kilmarnock, VA 22482. Belle Isle State Park is at 1632 Belle Isle Rd., Lancaster, VA 22503. For more information, call DCR Eastern District Manager Paul Clarke at (804) 225-2820, or Stewardship Biologist Kevin Heffernan at (804) 786-9112.

Other Events:

Project WILD

November 4th, 9am-4pm, Virginia Zoo

www.projectwild.org

This program emphasizes wildlife because of its intrinsic and ecological values, as well as its importance as a basis for teaching how ecosystems function. The Project WILD K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide focuses on wildlife and habitat. Each is organized in topic units and instructors may use one or many Project WILD activities or the entire set of activities to serve effectively as the basis for a course of study.

The workshop is free; registration required by October 21st to Holly Carson at holly.carson@norfolk.gov or 441-1347

The Governor's Conference for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education

November 15th and 16th

Join the forum that will highlight successful efforts across all sectors; showcase the range of opportunities currently available in STEM; and extract the principles, policies, and practices that have yielded evidence-based success in enhancing STEM education in Virginia.

More information on the conference and registration can be found at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/stem>.

VAST Professional Development Institute

November 5 - 7, 2009

Click [HERE to REGISTER](#) for the 2009 VAST Professional development Institute! We have over 220 sessions in place for YOU!

Emerging Museum Professionals Institute

If you are just entering the museum field, or have been in an entry level position for a year or two, this two day workshop is designed exclusively to meet your needs

You will learn about:

What a day in the life of a museum professional looks like

- how to get started on a career in museums
- how to handle working with different generations in the workforce
- building a "personal brand"--how to take your skills and talents and make a name for yourself
- how to network

You will also have the opportunity to participate in a skills lab, to help you hone your resume, interview, and other essential career skills. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a skills lab, to help you hone your resume, interview, and other essential career skills. Your instructors include Elizabeth Schlatter, University of Richmond Museums, and Greg Stevens, American Association of Museums

Cost: \$140 for two days for VAM members or current students. \$180 for nonmembers.

[Click here](#) for a full flyer on the program.

To register, call 804-788-5823, or email jweiskotten@vamuseums.org

Middle Management Institute

For those who have been in the museum field for a while, the Middle Management Institute is the ideal way to learn some of the important skills you will need to know as you move into leadership positions at museums.

On Day One of this program, you will learn about Financial Issues facing museums, everything from building and sticking to a budget, to fundraising and donors. Your instructor will be Tom Costello, of Cultural Resources Management Group.

Day Two will delve into the legal and ethical issues facing museums. Jason Hall, of Public Trust Strategies, will touch on board-related issues, ethics, your fiduciary responsibility as a museum professional, and much more.

Cost: \$140 for two days for VAM members; \$75 for single day. Nonmembers are \$180 and \$120.

For a full flyer on this program, [click here](#).

To register, call Jennifer at 804-788-5823, or simply email jweiskotten@vamuseums.org

Scholarships Available

They know that times are tough--but this is the time for increased training, to keep you focused on your goals and where you want to be. If you would like to come to MMI/EMP and cannot afford it, call them. They have several partial scholarships available for the program to ensure that everyone who wants to come has access to this important training.

Free Tools and other Cool Stuff

Seventh Generation has created its own Science Lesson Plans

for all grade levels. Teachers and administrators can download PDFs of the curriculum

<http://www.seventhgeneration.com/learn/blog/educating-generation-green>

<http://www.seventhgeneration.com/give/lesson-plans-fall-2009>

Are you looking for an opportunity to promote and expand an after-school science or technology program?

The Coalition for Science After School, an NSTA partner, has teamed up with Time Warner Cable to create a national directory of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning opportunities. This resource is designed to help parents and young people access science and technology learning opportunities in their communities and will be widely marketed to increase the visibility of STEM after school and informal learning opportunities.

/NSTA Express/ readers are encouraged to visit the website

<http://directory.scienceafterschool.org/signup> to learn more about it and spend a few moments entering information on your organization and its programs and events (where applicable). There is no cost to join or access the national directory.

Questions info@directory.scienceafterschool.org

Grants, Volunteers, and Funding:

Tracks to Success

Notes from a Federal Reviewer

This four-part series, written by the reviewer of numerous government grant applications, provides a first hand account of the federal review process. It provides insight into how a Request for Application (RFA), or a Request for Proposal (RFP) is developed, and chronicles the journey a submission makes once it reaches the funding agency. The series also describes factors that can summarily disqualify an application and others that can make it memorable. Click on the link provided above to read Part Two: "The Objective (Peer) Review."

Jobs

Interested in jobs across the country? Know someone looking for part-time work in the EE field in other parts of Virginia? I get job listings from all over. Let me know if you have a specific need and I will forward relevant postings to you—Ed.

Education Program Manager

Description:

The Marine Science Consortium seeks a creative and talented Program Manager. This full-time, year-round leadership position manages a large environmental learning program with a primary focus on mid-Atlantic marine and coastal systems. Supervises a large education staff and is a key part of our management leadership team. Responsibilities include staff management, program development, communication and coordination with member universities, marketing, budgeting, and administrative work. The Marine Science Consortium is growing. We are creating a new campus, developing new programs and other opportunities which gives the Program Manager a

chance to use his/her creativity and skills to craft an exciting new future for our program.

REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree (Masters preferred) in Marine Science, Biological Sciences, Environmental Education, or closely related field and 4 years experience with residential environmental education and summer youth/adult programming. In-depth knowledge of marine and coastal ecosystems. Experience with program development, administration and marketing. Strong interpersonal and team building skills. Exceptional organizational and time management ability. Proven teaching and public speaking abilities. Should be able to demonstrate proficiency and understanding of trends and best practices within this profession. General knowledge of the natural and cultural resources of the Mid-Atlantic coast desirable. First Aid and Water Safety training desired. Valid CDL driver's license required (can be obtained after hiring).

Job Type: Full Time permanent

Salary Detail: Starting salary - \$30,000 - \$32,000

Deadline: 10-30-2009

Organization: [The Marine Science Consortium](#)

Location: Wallops Island, VA

Contact Person: Executive Director

Phone: 757-824-5636

E-Mail: execdirector@msconsortium.org

Mailing Address: 7278 Enterprise Street
Wallops Island, VA 23337

Senior Legislative Representative, Education Advocacy

Description:

This position is generally responsible for advancing federal policies that increase the time children and families spend in the outdoors and federal policies that foster, K-12 environmental education, sustainability education and green jobs training on college campuses. The position will promote legislation and executive branch actions that increase environmental literacy and a better understanding of global warming by children, youth and young adults. To achieve these goals the position will need to recruit or engage a broad range of coalition partners, allies and constituencies,

and effectively engage the mass media. The position must also serve as a key contact within NWF for all of the federal advocacy education work, coordinating with staff in Reston, DC and the regional offices, as well as serving as a resource on federal policy for our state affiliate partners.

Job Type: Professional

Salary Detail: based on experience

Deadline: 12-15-2009

Organization: [National Wildlife Federation](#)

Location: Reston, VA

Contact Person: Helena Santillan

Phone: 703-438-6248

E-Mail: careers@nwf.org

Mailing Address: National Wildlife Federation

11100 Wildlife Center Drive

Reston, VA 20190-5362

Program Coordinator

Virginia Clean Cities is hiring a full-time Program Coordinator as well as a half-time Program Coordinator. The full-time position has been loaded to the JMU JobLink site. Please search under "Administrative and Professional Faculty Positions" and the position should be labeled as "Virginia Clean Cities Program Coordinator." [No link was given, but I am sure you could do a internet search]

Got news, job postings, events, or other information to share? Want to brag about awards? Hear about something that would be of interest to members? Send them to charlene.talcott@dcr.virginia.gov

Please forward this to anyone that might be interested. Want to be included on the TREE mailings? Contact faye.andrashko@va.nacdnet.net